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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SOICHIRO KAWAKAMI ET AL.

Application No.: 09/879,227

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For: HIGH ENERGY DENSITY
SECONDARY BATTERY FOR
FOR REPEATED USE

Examiner: C. Chaney

Group Art Unit: 1745

May 8, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003, imposing restriction and election requirements in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

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